

# Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes

11/2/15

1:00-2:30 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath	x	Suzanne Bohan	x	Paul Logan	x	Callie Videtich	x
Deb Thomas		Kelcey Land	x	Elyana Sutin	x	Darcy O'Connor	x
Joan Card	x	Paula Smith	x	Martin Hestmark		Rick Buhl	x
Alfreda Mitre				Sandy Stavnes		Patrice Kortuem	
		Pat Gilbride, IG	x	Phil Strobel, EPR	x		
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder	x	Jeffrey Martinez, CID		Kim Opekar, Guest	x	Cindy Beeler, Guest	x
				Corbin Darling	x	Debra Lucas, Guest	x

## 1. Special Topics

- EJ Update – Kim Opekar, Corbin Darling - Discussion of documents sent to SLT members.
- Meeting in Uinta Basin on 9/28 – Cindy Beeler and Phil Strobel – Discussed meeting with BLM and tour of Monument Butte Newfield oil project.

## 2. HQ Call

- A court ruling on stays of the Clean Power Plan is expected at the end of January.
- Mark Hague has been appointed as Regional Administrator for Region 7; he is no longer Acting.
- Superfund directors are meeting in Washington D.C. this week.
- Work on emission defeat devices has been expanded to other car makers.
- Jane Nishida attended the bilateral meeting in Canada.
- The Administrator is in Dubai this week working on the Montreal Protocol. She will participate in the Tribal Listening Session in D.C. on 11/6.
- Veterans comprise approximately 20% of EPA new hires.

## 3.

### RA/DRA/Policy

#### Advisor Highlights

- Discussion of North Dakota well blowout situation report, tribal notification and state followup.
- The Office of the Administrator and a cross-agency team are working on strategies to fill information gaps with respect to hydraulic fracturing and its potential impact on drinkable water resources, well integrity, spills and reusing/recycling wastewater.
- Cindy Beeler/Joan to set up a check-in for Shaun on cross-Region Bakken Team/MHA.
- On 11/16 Shaun and others will meet with North Dakota Petroleum Council; prebrief to be scheduled.
- Public hearings on Clean Power Plan will be held at R8 on 11/16-17.
- EPR to update Shaun on Pueblo Superfund issues.

- Update by Darcy on Wind River NPDES permits.
- Discussion of meeting on the Wellington Neighborhood.
- Deadline on Utah regional haze has been extended. The Information Center received thousands of letters calling for EPA to disapprove Utah's plan.
- Update on forthcoming draft Pavillion report expected to be issued by the Wyoming DEQ.
- Suzanne will follow up on Gov. Mead's letter on SO2.
- Discussion about OAR meeting with ND on the Clean Power Plan.

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Updates/Meeting Prep  
Shaun

Calendar

- On 11/3-6, will be in D.C. with John Tubbs, Director of Montana Dept of Natural Resources and Conservation, for meetings on the Montana Drought Resilience Pilot Project in the Upper Missouri River Basin that is being done under the White House-led National Drought Resilience Partnership.
- On 11/4, will attend a senior policy retreat in D.C.

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Will meet next week.

Report from Deputies –

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- U&O request for consultation.
- Suzanne – Will have coordination calls every 45 days with ND on Black Tail Creek. Traveled to Las Vegas with Alfreda and RCRA staff for a consultation and community presentation. Update on Gladstone access. Visited MOO last week. Kelsey Land will be Acting Deputy ARA-ECEJ for November.
- Paul – He and Elyana will be in Boulder for a conference 11/3-5; information will be shared among the Regions on various topics.
- Paula – Wendy Dew will be speaking on environmental education in Pueblo.
- Pat – R8 responded to the IG's survey on financial assurance.
- Rick – Communication

to staff on the lease is forthcoming, though there is nothing new to report. Information on phased retirement is going out to RLT; questions should be directed to Mike Shanahan. Funding has become an issue for the laboratory co-location.

- Darcy - Addressed the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association in Rapid City on 10/30. Consultation invitations will go out in about 2 weeks. Will prepare U&O FIP talking points for Shaun. The detail for the Deputy ARA-OPRA position was announced today. Discussion about R8 hosting a meeting about the South Platte River at the request of Rep. DeGette. Discussion of meeting with Duchesne City Council re. replacement of trees and grass damaged during remediation activities.
- Betsy – Debra Lucas will be covering for her on 11/5, 6, 9 and 10. On Monday 11/10, please email your meeting notes to Debra so she can easily compile them.

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#### **RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS**

- EPR to update Shaun on Pueblo Superfund.
- Suzanne to follow up on Gov. Mead's letter on SO2.
- Darcy to prepare U&O talking points for Shaun.
- All – On 11/10, email your SLT notes to Debra Lucas so she can compile them.

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